

9. An act for the relief of the executors of the testament and last will of John Cadwalader, deceased.
10. An act to prevent any person from acting as an attorney at law in the county where he is regis-
ter of wills.

11. An act for erecting a town at the mouth of Conococheague creek, in Washington county.

12. A supplement to the act, relating to reple-
vias.

13. An act to revive and continue the proceedings of the orphans court of Calvert county.

14. An act to repeal part of the act for the better security of the government.

15. An act to confirm unto Abraham Reese, of Harford county, his title in a moiety of a tract of land called West's Favour.

16. An act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors confined in Baltimore county gaol.

17. An act for the inspection of salted provisions exported and imported from and to the town of Bal-
timore.

18. An act to extend the time for bringing in and settling claims against this state.

19. An act for the relief of lieutenant Arthur Harris, late of the continental army.

20. An act for the removal of the seat of justice from Charles-town to the Head of Elk, in Cecil county.

21. An act to suspend for a time the collection of the public assessment, imposed November session seventeen hundred and eighty-five.

22. An act to vest certain powers in the governor and council.

23. An act granting Robert Lemmon the exclusive right to making and vending carding and spinning machines.

24. An act to determine by election whether the court house and prison of Harford county shall be erected at Bell air or at Havre de-Grace.

25. An act to revive and continue the proceedings of the orphans' court of Dorchester county.

26. A supplement to the act for the further relief of the securities of Thomas Williams, deceased, late collector of the tax and public dues in Prince George's county, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

27. An act for erecting a town at or near the mouth of Will's creek in Washington county.

28. An act for the benefit of the reverend Henry Addison.

29. An act to enable the justices of Anne-Arundel county court to assess a sum of money on the said county for the support of the four children of Caleb Hazle, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased.

30. An act for opening and extending a road from Elizabeth town in Washington county, to Patowmack river, at the mouth of Conococheague creek.

31. An act to suspend the erecting of the public buildings in Caroline county.

32. An act to alter and amend the laws respecting Charles-town in Cecil county.

33. An act for marking and bounding lands.

34. An act for the relief of William Rafen, one of the securities of Thomas Boyer, late sheriff and collector of Kent county.

35. An act to continue the acts of assembly there-
in mentioned.

36. An act to improve and repair the streets in Frederick town in Frederick county, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

37. An act to enable the securities of Christopher Eddin, deceased, and his administrators, to collect the balances due to him as collector of the taxes, and as sheriff of Frederick county.

38. An act to enable the vestry of Saint Margarets Westminster parish, in Anne-Arundel county, to appropriate the rents arising from the glebe-lands in said parish, for the purposes therein mentioned.

39. An act continuing the act to prevent the ex-
portation of unmerchantable tobacco, and the sup-
plementary act thereto, and for establishing an in-
spection of tobacco at George town in Montgomery
county, and an inspector of tobacco in the city of
Annapolis.

40. An act to authorize Baltimore county court to grant a new trial in the case therein mentioned.

41. An act to settle and pay the civil list, and other expenses of civil government.

42. An act to appoint a commissioner to settle the accounts of this state with the United States.

43. An act respecting apprentices.

44. An act for the speedy adjustment of sundry purchases of British property.

45. An act to direct descents.

46. An act for the adjournment of Baltimore county court.

47. An act to aid and confirm the proceedings of Dorchester and Caroline county courts.

48. An act for the relief of Simon Nicholls, late collector of the public tax for Montgomery county, and of Alexander Cartlett and Thomas Nicholls his securities.

49. An act for the settlement of public accounts, and to appoint persons to collect the debts due to persons convicted of treason, and for a specific per-
formance of certain contracts made by British subjects previous to the revolution.

50. A further supplement to the act concerning the stock of the bank of England belonging to this state.

51. An act for the relief of the collectors of the tax for the years 1784 and 1785.

52. An act for the more effectual relief of the securities of public debtors.

53. An act to provide a remedy for creditors and others against this state.

54. An act respecting certain certificates and plots.

ABSTRACTS of the ACT to suspend for a time the collection of the public assessment im-
posed November session 1785, passed November session 1786.

THAT all executions on account of public as-
sessment, imposed November session 1785, be and
are hereby suspended until the first of May 1787,
and all the powers given by the act imposing the
said assessment are hereby revived and continued,
so far as is necessary to complete the duties required
by the said act of the commissioners, or other officers
therein mentioned.

And, whereas sundry certificates and sums of mo-
ney have already been and may be collected on the
said public assessment, it is hereby enacted, That
the collectors of the said public assessment shall, on
or before the 10th of February next, pay into the
public treasury all such certificates and sums of mo-
ney as he or they shall have received on or before
the said time, on account of the said public as-
sessment, and every collector shall, at the time of
making such payment, make oath, before the trea-
surer or his deputy, of the respective shires where
such certificates or money shall be paid as aforesaid,
that said certificates and money so by him paid are
the whole of the collection by him received in vir-
tue of the said act of November session 1785, and
that the certificates offered to be so paid were bona
fide received from, or discounted with, the persons
liable to pay the said assessment, on account of the
same, and that such certificates were or directly or
indirectly furnished to or for the parties, or to or
for any of them, by such collector, or by any other
person for him; and that no collector shall have a
credit for any certificates suggested to be received on
account of the said assessment, unless such collector
shall return two lists of all the said certificates for
which he shall request a credit, with their numbers,
dates and sums, and the names of the persons from
whom received, and make oath, that the certificates
mentioned in such list, and requested to be allowed
such collector, were received on account of said public
assessment, actually, really and truly, and with-
out any deceit or fraud, in payment of the said as-
sessment due on the property in his county for the said
public assessment, and from the persons named in
such list, except only change, if any given on the
receipt of the said certificates, in which case he gave
certificates in change as far as in his power, and
money only for the balance, and that such certifi-
cates were not, directly or indirectly, furnished to
or for the parties, or to or for any of them, by such
collector, or by any other person for him; and in
case any collector shall refuse or neglect to make
such payment, on or before the said 10th day of Fe-
bruary next, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of two
hundred pounds current money; and if the money
and certificates received by the collectors are paid
into the treasury by the 10th of February next, that
the public bonds of such collectors shall be suspend-
ed from being put in suit until the first of June
next.

That in the collection of the tax aforesaid the col-
lectors are to give certificates in change, if they have
them, to those who may offer such certificates as are
receivable in payment of the said tax, for larger
sums than the tax due by the persons offering such
certificates, and that money shall not be given by
any collector in change for any certificate above five
per cent. on the tax payable in certificates by the
person who may offer such certificates. That it shall
be the duty of the treasurers of the respective shires
to make diligent inquiry upon their respective shires,
whether the money and certificates collected are
paid into the treasuries, agreeably to this act, and
if it appears to either of them that any collector hath
received money or certificates which shall not be
paid into the treasury by the said tenth of February
next, then the bond of such collector shall be order-
ed to be put in suit.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, January
20, 1787.

ORDERED, That the bill to reduce the salaries of
the governor, chancellor, judges, and other officers for
the time therein mentioned, with the several
endorsements thereon, be published in the Maryland
Gazette and Baltimore Journal.

By order,
W. HARWOOD, clk.

A bill, entitled, An ACT to reduce the salaries to the
governor, chancellor, judges, and other officers for the
time therein mentioned.

WHEREAS, from the present distressed situa-
tion of our people, and the exhausted state of our
finances, it is proper and necessary to pursue a plan
of economy: And whereas the salaries allowed to the
governor, chancellor and judges of this state, by
the present law, are extravagant and profuse, com-
pared with our ability and circumstances, and there-
fore ought to be reduced: And whereas the fees of
office and the allowance to naval officers and attor-
nies ought, from the present distresses of the people,
to be also lessened and reduced.

Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,
That an act, entitled, An act to ascertain and estab-
lish a permanent salary to the governor, also an

act, entitled, An act to establish permanent salaries
for the chancellor and the judge, be, and they are
hereby suspended for and during the term of two
years.

And be it enacted, That the governor, the chan-
cellor, and the judges, shall be respectively entitled
to receive the following annual salaries and no more,
in current money, during the continuance of this
act, viz. the governor eight hundred pounds, the
chancellor five hundred and twenty pounds, the
chief judge of the general court four hundred and
eighty pounds, the other judges of the general court
each four hundred pounds, the judges of the court
of appeals each one hundred and sixty pounds, the
judge of the court of admiralty two hundred pounds.

And be it enacted, That the said salaries shall be
paid quarterly out of the supplies raised for the cur-
rent year, or out of the arrearages of the taxes due for
the year seventeen hundred and eighty-six.

And be it enacted, That a deduction of one fifth
part shall be made from all allowances and fees
given by any act of assembly to officers or attorneys
for services required or performed by them; pro-
vided nevertheless, that nothing in this act shall af-
fect the salaries or provisions for the officers men-
tioned in the act to settle and pay the civil list, and
other expenses of civil government, nor affect the
allowance made to any officer or clerk on the jour-
nal of accounts.

By the house of delegates, January 20, 1787:
Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

By the house of delegates, January 20, 1787:
Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

By the senate, January 20, 1787: Read the first
time and ordered to lie on the table.

By order, J. DORSEY, clk.

By the senate, January 20, 1787: Read the se-
cond time by especial order and will not pass.

By order, J. DORSEY, clk.

* * The conclusion of Mr. Duvall's publication is un-
avoidably further postponed.

An ACT for the settlement of public accounts, and to ap-
point persons to collect the debts due to persons convicted
of treason, and for a specific performance of certain con-
tracts made by British subjects previous to the revolution.

WHEREAS a number of citizens have claims
against British merchants trading to this state
before the revolution, and since peace those merchants
have appointed factors or agents to collect the debts
due to them from the citizens of this state, and those
factors or agents never having notified by public ad-
vertisement, or otherwise, their power to adjust the
debts of said merchants, those citizens who have claims
against them are unable to obtain a settlement of their
accounts, and it being necessary to secure, as far as
possible, to our citizens their just debts,

Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,
That a factor or agent, or their principals,
now within this state, unless bond with security be
given as herein after directed, shall, on or before the
first day of August next, lodge with the auditor a list
of all balances due to such merchants upon oath, and
any such factor, agent or merchant, who shall here-
after come into this state, within four months from
the time of coming into this state, lodge with the au-
ditor a list upon oath of all balances due to such mer-
chants, and if they should neglect to deliver such list
as aforesaid, then it may be lawful for the debtors of
such merchants to plead the noncompliance with this
act, and the several courts of justice within this state are
hereby directed not to proceed, after the first day of Au-
gust next, to give judgment against any citizen of this
state on any action brought by any of the said mer-
chants, or their agents as aforesaid, unless they pro-
duce a certificate from the auditor certifying that this
act has been complied with.

And be it enacted, That every factor or agent ap-
pointed to collect debts due before the seventeenth day
of October, seventeen hundred and eighty, by citizens
of this state to subjects of Great Britain, and every
such British creditor, if he shall collect, shall give bond
to the state with such security and in such penalty as
the chancellor shall approve, with condition, that he
will satisfy and pay all just debts due from such cre-
ditor to any citizen of this state, so far as debts shall
be collected by him; and no debtor of any such Bri-
tish creditor shall be obliged to pay his debt before
bond be given as hereby required, and if bond and
security shall be given as aforesaid, then the British
merchant, agent or factor, shall not be obliged to re-
turn the list as is herein before directed.

And, Whereas numbers of accounts and claims
against persons whose property has been confiscated by
this state, have been laid before the auditor to be ap-
proved and passed for payment thereof, and many of
them have been and still may be rejected for want of
the necessary evidence to satisfy the auditor of the just-
ness of the claim, Be it enacted, That in all cases where
the auditor has rejected or shall reject any account or
claim as aforesaid for want of the necessary proof, or
from an opinion that the claim is unjust, the claimant
may lay his papers before the chancellor, who is here-
by authorized to make up an issue on the case and send
it for trial to the county court where such person re-
sides, or the general court, as the case may require,
and any judgment obtained on trial as aforesaid shall
be sufficient to authorize the treasurer to receive the
claim for payment agreeably to law.

And be it enacted, That in all cases where it shall ap-
pear to the auditor by the lists returned as before di-
rected, that there are debts in the hands of the citizens
of this state due to persons whose property has been
confiscated as British property, the creditors of such
persons shall resort for satisfaction out of such debts,
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